

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TEL AV 10113 130949Z

20

ACTION SS-20

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 PM-07 NSC-10 SPC-03 RSC-01 DPW-01

IO-14 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 USIA-15

PRS-01 DRC-01 SSO-00 CCO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 /098 W

----- 118822

P 130448Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0869

INFO USINT CAIRO PRIORITY

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TEL AVIV 10113

CAIRO FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

E O 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, SY, IS

SUBJ: AMB'S MEETING WITH POWS FAMILIES

1. I MET YESTERDAY WITH 3-MEMBER DELEGATION REPRESENTING A COMMITTEE OF FAMILIES OF ISRAELI POWS AND MIA ON SYRIAN FRONT. THE GROUP, WHICH SAID IT REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE 100-PLUS FAMILIES, WANTED ME TO KNOW AT THE OUTSET THAT THEY THOROUGHLY DISAPPROVE OF THE "BLACK PANTHER" GROUP WHICH DEMONSTRATED MONDAY BEFORE THE U.S. CONSULATE IN JERUSALEM DEMANDING U.S. CARRY OUT ITS "PROMISE" TO OBTAIN POW RELEASE.

2. GROUP VOLUNTEERED THAT IT HAD NO INTENTION OF DEMONSTRATING AGAINST US, BUT DID BELIEVE THAT USG HAD MADE "PROMISE" TO ACHIEVE PRISONER EXCHANGE. I NOTED THAT IT WAS NEVER IN OUR POWER TO MAKE SUCH A PROMISE, BUT THAT WE HAD PLEDGE OUR EFFORTS REACH POW EXCHANGE AND WE ARE FOLLOWING THROUGH VIGOROUSLY.

3. I EMPHASIZED THAT IF THERE IS ONE COUNTRY WHICH UNDERSTANDS AND SYMPATHIZES WITH ANXIETY OF FAMILIES, IT IS THE U.S. IN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TEL AV 10113 130949Z

VIEW OF THE AGONY WE WENT THROUGH IN GETTING OUR VIETNAM POWS

BACK.

4. DELEGATION SAID IT HOPED MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THIS WEEKEND. I NOTED THAT HIS TIME IS FULLY OCCUPIED, BUT THAT IF GROUP WISHED TO PASS ON A MESSAGE I WOULD MAKE CERTAIN HE RECEIVES IT. GROUP AGREED THIS WAS PROBABLY BEST COURSE.

5. COMMENT: I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS GROUP WILL KEEP ITS WORD AND NOT DEMONSTRATE DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT, BUT IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE ME IF EXTREMISTS SEEK TO MOUNT DEMONSTRATION AT THAT TIME.
KEATING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POW, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973TELAV10113
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731226/aaaaasvq.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02-Jan-2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <16-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AMB'S MEETING WITH POWS FAMILIES
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, US, IS, SY
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005